

# Device and Method for Applying Patterns and/or Labels to a Substantially Flat Surface of an Article

## Abstract

A device creating patterns on greeting cards and the like has at least one stencil for applying a pattern onto a flat surface. A stencil holder that has securing elements for securing the at least one stencil in a predetermined position relative to the stencil holder is provided. The stencil holder also has elements for positively securing the surface of the article onto which the pattern is to be applied relative to the stencil holder. The elements for securing the surface of the article are in the form of a recess that provides a positive securing action for the surface of the article alone or in combination with an adapter.